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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9 and 11-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9 and 11-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S5108)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tso et al (U.S. 6,421,733) and further in view of Smith et al (U.S. 7,139,844).

As per claims 1 Tso disclosed a method of enhancing data delivery comprising: sending a first packet from a client interface to a remote terminal at a first time; receiving at the client interface a second packet from the remote terminal at a second time (col. 6, lines 51-63); providing a plurality of different content versions, each is having a different amount of information, each content version being optimized for a specific connection speed (col. 7, lines 29-41); based on said determined connection speed, automatically selecting a content version from said plurality of content versions; and is providing the remote terminal with the selected content version (col. 6, lines 51-63).

However Tso did not disclose, "Determining a response time of the remote terminal at the client interface based on a time period between the first time and the second time; using said response

time to determine information related to a connection speed between the remote terminal and the client interface”.

In the same field of endeavor Smith disclosed, “Alternatively the client session can periodically issue a test message to the client and measure the period of time before a response time from the client is received (col. 17, lines 39-43)”.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated alternatively the client session can periodically issue a test message to the client and measure the period of time before a response time from the client is received as taught by Smith in the method and system of Tso to provide a data delivery mechanism which dynamically adjusts transmission rates to the speed at which a client can receive and process data while ensuring that updated data received by a client is current.

3. As per claim 2 Tso-Smith disclosed further comprising determining a data flow rate from the determined response time of the remote terminal, and wherein the determining the response time comprises: starting a timer at the first time when the client interface sends the first packet to the remote terminal; and stopping the timer at the second time when the client interface receives the second acknowledgement packet from the remote terminal (Tso, col., 6, lines 51-63).

4. As per claims 3,13 Tso-Smith disclosed further comprising determining network congestion based on the determined response time (Tso, col. 5, lines 24-31).
5. As per claims 4,14 Tso-Smith disclosed further comprising determining the response time based on a timing of a handshake between the remote terminal and the client interface (Tso, col. 5, lines 24-31).
6. As per claim 5 Tso-Smith disclosed further comprising selecting the content version in response to a request for a content version from the remote terminal, wherein the selected content version is different from a requested content version (Tso, col. 5, lines 24-31).
7. As per claims 6,11 Tso-Smith disclosed a method of connecting a remote terminal to a server comprising: determining a response time of a remote terminal at a client interface based on a time period elapsing between a first packet being sent from the client interface to the remote terminal and a second packet being received from the remote terminal at the client interface (Tso, col. 6, lines 51-63); using said response time to determine a connection speed between the remote terminal and the client interface; receiving a request from the remote terminal at the client interface for a content version; identifying a plurality of content versions at a server coupled to the client interface (Tso, col. 5, lines 24-31), each content version having a different amount of information at the server, each content version being optimized for a specific connection speed; determining, based on the connection speed between the remote terminal and the client interface, that the requested content version is too large in size for the remote terminal

to provide; based on said connection speed, selecting an alternative content version of the plurality of content versions (Tso, col. 6, lines 51-63), the alternative content version smaller in size than the requested content version; and providing the selected alternative content version to the remote terminal in response to the request (Smith, col. 17, lines 39-43).

7. As per claim 7 Tso-Smith disclosed further comprising determining a data flow rate from the remote terminal based on the response time (Tso, col. 5, lines 24-31).

9. As per claim 9 Tso-Smith disclosed further comprising determining a network congestion based on the determined response time (Tso, col. 5, lines 24-31).

10. As per claims 10,12 Tso-Smith disclosed wherein the instructions further cause the machine system to connect the remote terminal to the server (Tso, col. 5, lines 24-31).

11. As per claim 15 Tso-Smith disclosed wherein determining the response time further comprises: sending the first packet from the client interface to the remote terminal; and receiving the second packet at the client interface from the remote terminal (Tso, col. 5, lines 24-31)).

12. As per claim 16 Tso-Smith disclosed further comprising determining that the remote terminal cannot handle the requested content version if the requested content is too large in size for the remote terminal to present, and wherein the alternative content version is smaller in size than the requested content version (Tso, col. 6, lines 51-63) .

Response to Arguments

13. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7, 9, 11-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571)-272-3885.

15. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571)-272-3933. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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